



TAMC-IRT Reporting Changes Overview – April, 2017

The Investment Reporting Tool (IRT) has been available for use since 2007. The software platforms used to create the IRT require updating and modernization. Additionally, feedback from a growing group of users has identified changes and improvements to the IRT that will reduce duplication of effort and increase agency flexibility when entering projects.

Starting April 2017, the treatment project classification fields have been changed. With over 70 project types identified it has become increasing difficult for agencies to map the work performed to broad categories. Four new categories have been identified (Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Heavy CPM and Light CPM). This allows agencies to more easily map specific projects.

Two new fields have been added to the project description page. Both fields ask a yes/no question. The first question asks if a project is a reactionary project. Reactionary projects are projects that were not planned or anticipated. The most common types of reactionary projects are the repair or replacement of bridges or culverts that are damaged or destroyed due to flooding or accident. The second field asks if a project is a warranty project. PA 175 of 2015 requires warranties on certain size and types of projects.

A new required element has been added to the IRT. The Asset Management Information page requires a response to the question “Does your agency have a written asset management plan?” A yes or no answer is required in order to successfully complete the IRT reporting process. If you answer yes, then you are asked to submit a copy of the asset management plan. If you answer no, then you are asked 5 questions to measure your agencies usage of asset management principles or processes.

Roadsoft, a tool developed at Michigan Technological University is used by many agencies to track projects and manage their road and bridge assets. The before mentioned changes on project classes and additional fields has been incorporated into Roadsoft as well. Data tracked in Roadsoft can be manually uploaded to the IRT so it becomes a part of the TAMC-IRT statewide database. Updates to the IRT include coordination with Roadsoft to improve this process. These updates are now included in Roadsoft version 2017.4. This update is required for an agency to upload their data into the IRT beginning April 2017. Additional feedback and more efficient processes were implemented into both tools to improve the reporting process for users.

Training for both the IRT and Roadsoft will cover these changes and start up again in April 2017 and are held statewide and via online webinars. The training schedule is available under the IRT Training section on the TAMC website at www.michigan.gov/tamc. Additional training materials and resources will be added throughout the year.